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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/560,180

Examiner

BRIAN R. SLAWSKI

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to reply filed 15 May 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17-37.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 15 May 2009
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/Brian R. Slawski/
Examiner, Art Unit 1791

PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A CURVED LAMINATED GLASS PANE

Detailed Action

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration filed May 15, 2009, was received. Claims 17 and 18 were amended. Claim 37 was added.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office Action issued on January 23, 2008.

Claim Objections

3. The objection to claim 17 is withdrawn because claims 17 and 18 have been amended to use consistent terminology.

Claim Rejections—35 USC §112

4. The rejection of claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is withdrawn because Applicant's explanation that the mouldings 12, 13 cover only the outer edges of the interlayer 3 (thereby allowing pretensioning of the interlayer by application of a hot air jet thereto) and argument that one of ordinary skill in the art would have understood as much from Applicant's disclosure, are convincing.

Claim Rejections—35 USC §103

5. The rejections of claims 17-36 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kavanaugh et al. (WO 91/19586) in view of Balduin et al. (US 2001/0007270),

Mattimoe et al. (US 3,900,673), and additional references are withdrawn because Applicant's arguments are convincing.

Art of Record

6. The following prior art is made of record. Clapp et al. (US 2,897,546) teach a process for making a curved aircraft glazing from a single sheet of bioriented transparent thermoplastic, by providing complementary male and female curved dies, preheating the dies and plastic sheet, clamping the plastic sheet between the dies, and maintaining the plastic sheet in this configuration until some shrink-back occurs to lock the plastic sheet in the molded shape (Fig. 1-4; col. 1, L. 15-20, L. 30-41; col. 2, L. 6-15, L. 33-40, L. 51-71; col. 3, L. 1-17). Clapp et al. teach away from the claimed laminated glass pane and interlayer, teach away from preheating the plastic sheet sufficiently to cause substantial shrinkage (i.e., to pretension the plastic sheet), and do not teach preheating the plastic sheet with a hot air jet (col. 3, L. 1-10). Farrar et al. (US 4,973,364) teach a process for making a curved laminated glass pane, as for automotive windshields, by providing an anti-lacerative interlayer comprising a polyvinylbutyral (PVB) bonding resin layer and a heat-shrinkable (i.e., oriented) polyethylene terephthalate (PET) layer; thermoforming the interlayer on a heated mold using vacuum apertures or clamps on the mold's periphery, the mold being the negative of a curved glass glazing to which the interlayer is to be conformed; and laminating the thermoformed interlayer onto the curved glazing using heat and pressure (Abstract; col. 3, L. 48-59; col. 4, L. 24-37, L. 54-58, L. 66-68; col. 5, L. 1-9, L. 20-26, L. 42-68). Farrar

et al. do not teach preheating the interlayer before contacting it with the mold. Cartier et al. (US 5,145,744) teach a process for making a curved laminated glass pane by providing an interlayer 32 comprising a PVB layer 80 and a PET layer 82; bending and pressing this interlayer, via a pressure differential, against a curved glass glazing 102, and heating the interlayer until its PVB layer bonds to the glazing 102 (Fig. 1-5; col. 1, L. 5-12; col. 2, L. 26-34, L. 59-63; col. 3, L. 63-68; col. 4, L. 1-1, L. 23-25, L. 31-41, L. 50-67; col. 5, L. 23-31). Cartier et al. do not teach separately thermoforming the interlayer before laminating it between two glass glazings.

Reasons for Allowance

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Kavanaugh et al. (WO 91/19586) teach making a curved laminated glass pane by thermoforming an interlayer of a bioriented PET film and PVB bonding layer against a mold, then laminating the interlayer between two curved glass glazings by heat and pressure. However, Kavanaugh et al. do not teach injecting hot air from below in order to pretension the interlayer's PET film before thermoforming, nor freezing the shape of the interlayer after molding by cooling with forced draught. While Balduin et al. (US 2001/0007270) teach that a glass pane comprising an interlayer sandwiched between two glazings can be heated during lamination with a hot-air blower, this teaching does not provide motivation to pretension the interlayer of Kavanaugh et al. with injected hot air in the earlier pre-thermoforming stage. Similarly, while Mattimoe et al. (US 3,900,673) teach that, when making a stock laminate of oriented PET film made by

heating and stretching, the film can be cooled with forced air, this teaching does not suggest freezing the shape of the interlayer of Kavanaugh et al. in the context of the post-thermoforming stage.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BRIAN R. SLAWSKI whose telephone number is (571)270-3855. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino, can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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